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ORAL QUESTION (O-19/83)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Mr CAROSSINO, Mr FANTI, Mr GOUTHIER, Mr VERONESI and  
Mr CERAVOLO to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Rail tariffs and the port of Trieste

Having regard to the crisis currently affecting the port of  
Trieste and the importance that the Community should attach  
to its revival;

whereas this crisis is aggravated by the existing discrim-  
inatory situation brought about by the preferential tariffs  
applied by the Deutsche Bundesbahn (Seehafentarife) for  
transport to the Hanseatic ports and whereas this situation  
is helping to weaken Trieste's role as a central European  
port;

whereas the Commission has repeatedly declared that these  
preferential tariffs do not violate the Treaties since they  
are applied to the transportation of large containers in  
block trains and the prices are based not on competition  
between sea ports but on competition between the modes of  
transport and the traffic movements concerned;

whereas the agreement concluded between the railway author-  
ities of Italy, Austria and West Germany on rail tariffs  
for the carriage of goods to or from the port of Trieste  
has not yet been implemented;

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What does the Commission intend to do - having regard to the present negotiations between the EEC and Austria - to have the above agreement implemented and applied to all traffic movements?

What measures does the Commission intend to take to compensate for the different tariffs described above which place the port of Trieste at a permanent disadvantage?